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1950 List of FLOWERING TROPICAL TREES

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"THE FLOWERING TREE MAN"

Stuart, Florida

CRATING CHARGE \$1 on orders
of less than \$5.

E-Evergreen

D-Deciduous

X-Dioecious

H-Half-hardy

ABBREVIATIONS

WR-Wind resistant

SR-Salt resistant

SD-Semi-deciduous

DR-Drought resistant

WL-Wet lands

*-555 Quality, finest of
flowering trees

TWO DOLLAR BARGAINS. \$2 each—6 for \$11—12 for \$21

- GOLDENSHOWER (*Cassia fistula*) Famed Indian tree, copious drooping yellow flowers in July. * D H 2'
PINK-&-WHITE SHOWER (*C. javanica*) Finest of pinks, exceedingly pretty summer bloomer. * 12-18" D
TREE GARDENIA (*G. thunbergi*) Bushy sm tree, white single frag fls. 2' E (Size 4' or more \$4)
WHITE TULIP (*Dolichandrone crispata*) Pretty white-fld Indian tree, related to *Snathodea*. Rare. E 12"
STINKWOOD (*Gustavia angusta*) So. Amer tree, magnolia-like foliage, frag wh fls like lilies. E 8-12"
SILVER TRUMPET (*Tabebuia argentea*) Paraguay tree, silver-gray lvs, gorgeous yellow fls. E * 8-15"
WILLARDIA (*W. mexicana*) Sh or sm tree, showy lilac fls in axillary clusters. Fine. E 15-30"
JACARANDA (*J. acutifolia*) Gorgeous blue-fld So Amer ornamental tree. * 3' (Size 5-6' \$4)
FIREWHEEL (*Stenocarpus sinuatus*) Showy orange-fld Queensland street tree. E * SR WR H 8"
FISHPOISON TREE (*Ichthyomethia piscipula*) Large clusters of pinkish-wh fls. Pretty foliage. D SR 15"
ROSE MYRTLE (*Rhodomyrtus tomentosa*) Shrub for sandy area. Bears pretty rose-like fls. E H 12"
MYROBALAN (*Terminalia belerica*) Prettyn Indian shade tree, valued for timber and dyestuffs. E 15"
OCHROSIA (*O. elliptica*) So Pacific small tree with brilliant red fruits all winter. SR WR E 18"
YELLOW TRUMPET (*Tabebuia chrysantha*) Gorgeous yellow-fld species from Cent Amer. Rare. E * 12-15"
PALE TRUMPET (*Tabebuia lepidota*) Shrubby glossy-lvd Cuban tree, pale pink fls in April. E DR 6-8"
HORSE CASSIA (*C. grandis*) Large So. Amer tree bearing profusion of bright pink or red fls. D 15"
TREE IXORA (*I. macrothyrsa*) Finest of Ixoras with red fls in bold head-like clusters. E SR 10"
QUEEN'S Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia speciosa*) Famed Indian tree, mauve fls in huge trusses. * SD 15"
LATE Crape Myrtle (*L. turbinata*) Many purple fls in clusters above the foliage Sept to Dec E 8-12"
BROOM MELALEUCA (*M. genistifolia*) Thin-foliaged tree from Queensland with small wh fls. E WR 12"
(Trees erroneously distributed past 2 yrs under this name, red-fld, are *Callistemon speciosus*)
NEWBOULDIA (*N. laevis*) West African upright tree with wh or pink fls, related to *Tabebuia*. E 12"
RADERMACHERA (*R. fenicis*) Philippine medium tree, prettiest clustered pink-throated mauve fls. * E 8"
EVERGREEN HAZEL (*Guevina avellana*) A "must" for you. Price on other sheet is wrong, should be \$2.
METROSIDEROS (*M. tomentosa*) Amazingly beau NZ sh or red-fls tree, rarely seen. SR DR E WL * 6-8"
MAHOE (*Paritium elatum*) Fla native Hibiscus relative, stiff red & orange fls, big lvs. E WR SR 24"
PELTOPHORUM INERME. Magnificent spreading Philippine shade tree, yellow fls all summer. E WR * 18"
(Large at \$1 a foot — 4' \$4, 6' \$6 etc. Undoubtedly best comb shade & flowering tree we have).
WHITE HOLARHENA (*H. antidysenterica*) Small Indian tree with white frag frangipani-like fls. D 15"

DOLLAR BARGAINS. \$1 each—11 for \$10—23 for \$20

- SPREADING TRUMPET (*Tabebuia pallida* var.) Seedlings of wide-spreading pink fld Cuban tree. E 8"
ROSE TABEBUIA (*T. rosea*) Upright Central American tree, bright pink fls, blooms in March. E * 18"
PURPLE TABEBUIA (*T. 1076*) Mexican species, covered with purple fls when bare of lvs. D * WR 18"
PINK TRUMPET (*Tabebuia pallida*) Seedlings of tree with bright pink flowers. Cuban. Blooms often. 1'
WHITE TRUMPET (*T. pallida*) Seedlings of pure-white-fld tree, may not come true. Good bloomer. 12" E
JACQUINIA (*J. sp.*) Small slow-growing West Indian seaside tree, pretty wh fls. E SR WR 8-15"
PURPLE BAUHINIA (*B. purpurea*) Royal-purple-fld orchid tree, blooms in Dec. one of the best. SD 18"
MOUNTAINEBONY BAUHINIA (*B. variegata*) Mixed purple-red-white orchid-like fls in Feb. E H * 18-36"
ROSE BAUHINIA (*B. purpurea* var.) Parent tree has beau dark rose-red fls in November. * SD 12"
WHITE BAUHINIA (*B. racemosa*) viney small-white-fld member of "orchid" group from India. E 8-12"
QUEENSLAND UMBRELLA TREE (*Brassia actinophylla*) Beau sh or tree to 40', red crest fls. E H 12-15"
MACADAMIA (*M. ternifolia*) Queensland nut is fine fruit and street tree, pretty foliage. E H WR 8"
PINK CALLIANDRA (*C. surinamensis*) Pink-fld powder-puff So Amer tree, spreading orna. E WR DR 15"
RED CALLIANDRA (*C. haematocephala*) Striking bright red fls all year, needed in every yard. E 8" *
CERISE CALLIANDRA (*C. emarginata*) Honduras sh with smaller, purplish red fls in profusion. E 8"
TAMARIND (*Tamarindus indica*) Beau Ind shade tree, conspicuously resistant to hurricanes. E WR 8"
AFRICAN ORCHID (*Honckenya ficifolia*) Shrub bearing many orchid-like purple & yellow fls. E H 12-18"
WHITE PITTOFORUM (*P. rhombifolium*) Aus tree with dark pretty foliage, frag lovely wh fls. E H 8"
PINK TRIFLARIS (*T. surinamensis*) Beau pink fld tree. Plant 2 to insure fruit. West Indian. X WR E 8"
ONCOBA (*O. spinosa*) Bushy Arabian thorny tree, 3-in rose-like white fls in Spring. SD WR 8-12"
APOPLANESIA (*A. paniculata*) Mexican sm tree of pea family with many wh fls in clusters. E SR 18-24"
DANIELLIA (*D. oliveri*) Large African tree bearing large clusters of white frag fls. E WL 15"
BARKLYA (*B. syringifolia*) Magnificent Australian orange-fld tree, needs protection. * E WL H 6-8"
WRIGHTIA (*W. coccinea*) 2-inch dark crimson-fld Madras tree of allamanda family. DR WR E 18-36"
LADY-OF-THE-NIGHT (*Brunfelsia americana*) West Ind shrub bearing copious frag tubular wh fls. E 15"
TIPU (*Tipuana tipu*) Yellow-fld tree of pea family, extensively street planted in Calif. E H WR 24"
MILLENIA (*D. indica*) Small ornamental tree bearing large magnolia-like wh fls, showy. E DR 24-36"
YELLOW ELDER (*Stenolobium stans*) Fla native shrub or sm tree with copious yellow fls. E WR 18-24"
DWARF POINCIANA (*Dæsalpinia pulcherrima*) Beau red-and-yellow fl spikes in winter. 2-3' E DR
SOAP BERRY (*Sapindus detergens*) Indian shade tree with pretty lvs used by natives for soap. E 12"
AKEE (*Blighia sapida*) Pretty red-yellow-blk fruits like xmas ornaments. Good shade. E 15"

\$4 TREES—\$4 each or 3 for \$11. (Allow for substitutions).

- ALLSPICE TREE (*Pimenta officinalis*) Sm tree, bark and lvs yield commercial all-spice. E 12-15"
BITTERWOOD (*Quassia amara*) Very handsome red-flowered So Amer tree, unknown in U.S. E * 8-12"
SCARLET STERFULIA (*S. colorata*) Finest of the "terculias, brilliant orange scarlet fls. D * 12-18"
ROBLE (*Platymiscium trinitatis*) Very beau, orange-fld tree from Trinidad, ranks high. E * 8-15"
KYDIA (*K. calycina*) 25-ft Indian tree, bearing copious clusters wh or pink fls. D H 8-15" *
BUTEA FRONDOSA. Famed Indian red-fld crooked tree, "like fire on the horizon." D SR 8-10" *
SARACA (*S. indica*) Sm Indian tree bearing orange-red ixora-like fls on branches. * E 12-15"

Note: I have 500 other flowering tropical trees to sell that are not listed in this circular, so if you don't find what you want, ask for it. Next Spring I will have trees of *Bolusanthus speciosus*, *Delonix regia*, *Schizolobium excelsam*, *Colvillea racemosa*, *Cochlospermum vitifolium* (both single & double flowered), *Delonix alata* (the white-fld Flamboyant) and other choice numbers. No general circular will be mailed, but if you want the Spring list of seeds and trees, write me a special note.

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TREE CLUBS. Cheapest and best way to buy a lot of fine new trees. All are worth knowing and growing. Let their colors brighten Florida homes everywhere. Plant unusual, beautiful trees'.

- Club A — \$5 — Four kinds of Palm Trees. They make very fine ornamentals in any yard.
 Royal 3', 2 kinds of fishtail, small African oilpalm. Crating cost included.
- Club B — \$5 — Five Flowering Trees. All of them are easy to grow, should be on your place.
 Red — Queensland umbrella tree (*Brassaia actinophylla*). 8-12"
 Pink — Tabebuia sp. Splendid evergreen tree, copious fls thrice annually. 1'
 Yellow — Tipuana tipu. Algerian shade tree, popular in Calif. Many fls. 2'
 White — Apoplanesia paniculata. Evgn Brazilian tree bearing lots of fls. 2-3'
 Purple — Bauhinia variegata. Spring-blooming orchid tree. Crating cost included.
- Club C — \$5 — Another Five Flowering Trees. Different and also worth while. Crate cost included.
 Red — Wrightia coccinea. Evgn Indian tree with dark crimson allamanda-like fls. 3'
 Yellow — Cassia sp. Many lovely items in this genus. Will give you a good one. 2'
 Pink — Triplaris surinamensis. Only female has pretty fls. Add \$1 for an extra.
 Purple — Bauhinia purpurea. November blooming orchid tree, dark purple. 15"
 White — Tabebuia sp. These were raised from seed of tree having pure wh fls. 15"
- Club D — \$10 — Rare and Better Flowering Trees. Crating cost included.
 Red — Stenocarpus sinuatus. Queensland FIREWHEEL tree, Evgn, bright orange fls 8"
 Yellow — SILVER TRUMPET TREE (*Tabebuia argentea*). Clouds of gold fls in Mar. 8-15"
 White — EVERGREEN HAZEL (*Guevina avellana*). Among showiest of all trees. 8-12"
 Pink — Aesculus indica. INDIAN HORSECHESTNUT. Crimson-tipped pink fls. 12-15"
 Purple — QUEEN'S Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia speciosa*) Famed for beau mauve fls 15"
- Club E — \$10 — More Gorgeous Flowering Trees. Crating cost included
 Red — Chilean FIRE TREE (*Embothrium coccineum*). Among world's showiest Evgn 12"
 Yellow — GOLDEN SHOWER (*Cassia fistula*) Famed Indian tree, thrives in Fla. 15-18"
 White — GOLDSPIRE AZARA (*A. integrifolia*). Lovely hardy tree from Chile. Evgn 15"
 Pink — PINK & WHITE SHOWER (*Cassia nodosa*). Finest of pink fld Cassias. 12-18"
 Purple — PURPLE TRUMPET (*Tabebuia No. 1076*). Gets covered purple fls in Mar. 18"
- Club F — \$5 — Three of the most beautiful of evergreen vines. All in demand. Crate cost included.
 Red — Combretum grandiflora. Great comb-like trusses of red fls. Full sun. 12"
 Blue — Petrea volubilis. PURPLEWREATH. Many 2-blued fls like grape clusters. 12"
 Purple — PURPLE BIGNON (*Clytostoma calistigeoides*). 4-inch mauve trumpet fls. 15"
- Club G — \$5 — Fruit Trees either unusual or rare. Worth cultivating in any yard. Crate cost incl.
 AKEE (*Blighia sapida*). Evgn tree bearing bright red fruits like xmas ornaments. 2'
 OCHROSIA (*O. elliptica*). New Caledonian evgn salt-resistant, red-fruited tree. 8"
 QUEENSLAND NUT (*Macadamia ternifolia*). Evgn street tree, fine tasty nuts. 8-12"
 SHOWY DILLENIA (*D. indica*). Small Indian tree, large white magnolia-like fls. 2'
- Club H — \$10 — Shrubs (11 of them) that you will be sure to want in your garden. Crate cost incl.
 CURRY TREE (*Murraya koenigi*). Indian white-fld tree with highly aromatic lvs. 12"
 PINK CALLIANDRA (*C. surinamensis*). Pink-tipped white fls all year, spreading 12"
 RED CALLIANDRA (*C. haematocephala*). Red-head, showiest thing in your yard. 8"
 CERISE CALLIANDRA (*C. emarginata*). Lots of smaller purple-red fls. Honduras. 8"
 LADY OF THE NIGHT (*Brunfelsia americana*). Exceedingly frag white fls. Evgn. 15"
 DWARF POINCIANA (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*). Valued for showy red-&-yellow fls. 2'
 PURPLE ARDISIA (*A. crenulata*). Dense evgn shrub, purple berries. Good filler. 12"
 POTHOS — Will make vine on tree with huge striped leaves. Showy ornamental. 12"
 PURPLE Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*). Among finest of summer flowerers. 18"
 WEST INDIAN CHERRY (*Malpighia punicifolia*). Large evgn shrub, quantities red ft. 2'
 RED BAUHINIA (*B. galpini*). Rare So African scandent shrub, brick red fls. Fine. 6"

BIGGEST BARGAIN OF ALL — 43 Plants (all those listed above including an extra Triplaris) crated and ready to ship to you, F.O.B. Stuart \$50.00.
 (No crating allowance if you call)

UNUSUALLY FINE HALF-HARDY TREES FOR NORTH AND CENTRAL FLORIDA, AS WELL AS FOR SOUTH FLORIDA.

Azara integrifolia. GOLDSPIRE AZARA. Small tree from Chile, reaching 15-18 ft. Bears deliciously fragrant small yellow flowers in great masses on the lower side of the spreading branches. Blooms all winter. Rare in Florida and should be fine garden subject. 12" gal can \$2.50.

Azara gilliesii. This splendid 15-ft small tree from Chile would hardly be recognized as an Azara. In early Spring it bears showy golden flowers in drooping 2-inch racemes. Foliage very pleasing and hollylike. New this year. Never offered before in Florida. 8 - 12". gal can \$4.

FLAMING BOTTLEBRUSH (*Callistemon citrinus splendens*). First offered in England, this is one of the most vividly colored bottlebrushes you have ever seen. The plant is a heavy bloomer of compact habit. Does well with little water. 12-inch. \$2.50. gal can 24-inch \$5.

LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY CLETHRA (*C. arborea*). Too bad this beautiful little plant isn't hardier. It stands 25 deg. okay but that is about the limit. It is a vigorous large shrub of quick growth to 20 ft. Pure white, richly frag fls in terminal clusters have strong resemblance to Lily-of-the-Valley. Needs acid soil. 8 - 12" gal can \$2.50.

CHILEAN FIREBUSH (*Embothrium coccineum*). Tall, slender, pyramidal evgn tree requiring half shade, acid soil. In April it bears profusion of brilliant orange scarlet fls in terminal clusters. In full bloom it appears aflame. This is one of the showiest flowering trees known. 1' gal can \$4.

TASMANIAN EUCRYPHIA (*E. billardieri*) Eucryphas are among the supremely beautiful plants that no grower of the best can afford to overlook. This is a small tree, bearing white, 2-inch almond-scented fls, saucer shaped, filled with pink anthers, resembling single roses. 8-12" gal can \$2.50.

EVERGREEN HAZEL (*Guevina avellana*). This Chilean tree is described as one of the most beautiful of all trees, with snowy-white fls in spikes, and pinnate lvs with dentate leaflets. Closely related to the Queensland nut (*Macadamia ternifolia*) it is offered in Florida for first time. Should make exceedingly fine street and yard tree. Resents root disturbance. 8-12" gal can \$4.

TREE POTATO (*Solanum rantonetti*). Here is a potato relative that makes large shrub or splendid little tree with lovely blue flowers. Unlike *S. macranthum* which is the potato tree sometimes seen in So. Fla. but too soft for our winds, this new tree is woody. Much planted in Calif. and should take hold in So. Fla. Plant can be espaliered but best as tree. 18" gal can \$5.